



Vineyards and Wineries

The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- ! Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County IS NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. **These tips specific to wineries will help keep our waterways clean.**

Erosion Prevention

- ❑ Implement BMPs that prevent erosion and control sediment loss. BMPs include growing cover crop, applying mulch, or incorporating compost to promote healthy soil in bare areas or in spaces between your crops. Other BMPs include use of fiber roles, silt fencing, managing slopes, and terraced planting.
- ❑ Manage green waste by composting on site or collecting green waste for composting.

Fertilizer and Pesticide Usage

- ❑ Follow directions on fertilizer and pesticide product labels for proper use and disposal.
- ❑ Do not apply pesticides during or prior to weather events including wind or rain that may cause pesticides to run or drift away from the intended target area.
- ❑ Apply nitrogen fertilizer efficiently, during the growing season or postharvest. Do not apply fertilizers during the dormant period or early spring.
- ❑ To prevent pollution from fertilizers, only use as much fertilizer as is necessary.

more tips >>>

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Discharge Management

- ❑ Maintain outside storage areas and ensure containers are secured without any leaks. Locate storage areas away from storm drains or waterbodies.
 - ❑ Keep track of water usage in production areas. Establish a sampling area to ensure production discharge is the correct pH before entering the sewer.
 - ❑ Follow statewide general waste discharge requirements for wineries. Select a compliance method that is best suited to your site and winery size.
 - ❑ Attend information sessions hosted by the California Water Boards to learn more about proper permitting and documentation. For more information, visit <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>
- ⓘ Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). ***Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the above minimum BMPs.***

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thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.



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